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APPENDIX VIII

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE COVERING THE APPOINTMENT OF
TERRITORIAL ARMY OFFICERS AND JUNIOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
(OTHER THAN MEDICAL)

A – OFFICERS

1. *Eligibility* : Territorial Army Commissions may be granted in the Indian land forces to any national of India, with therequisite qualifications.

2. *Nationality* : A candidate must be;

- (a) a citizen of India; or
- (b) a subject of Sikkim, or
- (c) a person who has migrated from Pakistan with the intention of permanently settling down in India, or
- (d) a subject of Nepal or of a Portuguese or of a former French possession in India.

Note : The appointment of candidates in categories (c) and above will be subject to the issue of certificates of eligibility in their favour by the Government of India. Certificates of eligibility will not, however, be necessary in the case of candidates belonging to any of the following categories :-

- (1) Persons who migrated to India from Pakistan after 18th July, 1948, and have ordinarily been resident in India since then.
- (2) Persons who migrated to India from Pakistan after 18th July, 1948 but before 30th September, 1948 and had got themselves registered as citizens within the time allowed.
- (3) Gorkha subjects of Nepal.
- (4) Non-citizens who entered service under the Union before the commencement of the Constitution, viz, 26th January, 1950, and who have continued in such service since then. Any such persons who re-entered or may re-enter such service with a break, after the 26th January, 1950, will, however, require certificates of eligibility in the usual way.

3. *Age limit* : Applicants should have attained the age 18 years and not have attained the age of *42 years, 45 years in case of employees of P & T department joining Sig Coys P&T(TA), on the date of application, but the upper age limit may be relaxed at the discretion of the Chief of the Army Staff, in the case of (a) ex-officers, ex-VCOs/JCOs and WOs (or their equivalent) of the three Services, the Indian Territorial Forces, State Forces, Auxiliary Forces and the Reserve, (b) ex-serving JCOs of the Territorial Army, (c) Government officials and persons possessing technical and medical qualifications.

*(Amended vide CS No 264/1/85)

4. *Minimum Qualifications : Civilian Candidates only :-*

(a) For Engineer Units :-

- (i) For Field Companies, Field Park Companies, Construction Companies, Workshop and park, Companies, Electrical and Mechanical Companies, Field Survey Companies—Associated Members of the Institute of Engineers or equivalent qualification.
- (ii) *For Commander Railway Group*—Must hold appointment not less than an administrative appointment in any Railway.
- (iii) *For Railway Operating Company*—Must hold appointment not less than an Assistant Traffic Officer or a Junior Assistant Commercial Officer in any Railway.
- (iv) *For Railway Workshop Company*—Must hold appointment of not less than an Assistant Mechanical Engineer or an Assistant Electrical Engineer or an Assistant Works Manager (Production) in Railway.
- (v) *For Railway Construction Company*—Must be a qualified Civil Engineer or an officer holding appointment not less than an Assistant Engineer in any Railway.

(b) *For Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineer Units—*

- (i) to be a member of an associated member Institute of Mechanical Engineers or the Institute of Electrical Engineer or have passed such other exempting examination as qualify for Membership or associated Membership of these Institutes.

or

- (ii) to be in possession of an Engineering Degree of a recognised University and have at least one year's practical Engineering experience.

- (iii) if not in possession of full academic qualifications specified in sub paras (i) and (ii) above, to have attended a technical institute, college or school and gained there at a diploma or other proof of having successfully completed a course and in addition to have considerable practical engineering experience, i.e. have served an apprenticeship with a reputable firm and held a responsible appointment in a mechanical, electrical, or automobile firm.

(c) *For Corps of signal units—*

- (i) must be in possession of a degree or diploma of a recognised university in Electrical Engineering with experience in tele-communication.

or

- (ii) must be in possession of a degree in Physics and Mathematics and have good knowledge of Radio.

N.B.—(These standards may be relaxed if the candidate has an extensive knowledge of Communications)

- (d) For Air Observation Squadron Artillery Units—Applicants for the Air Defence Operation Squadron must be in possession of class A flying licence.
- (e) For other Arms and other Categories of Officers not specified in para 4(a), (b), (c) and (d) above—
 - (i) *Education*—The candidate should have passed Intermediate or its equivalent from a recognised university.

List of examination considered equivalent to matriculation is at Appendix XXX-B.

(ii) *Other Qualifications*—Preference may be given to a candidate who has served with credit in the National cadet Corps and is recommended for a commission by the Officer commanding. The candidate must satisfy the interviewing officer and Selection Board that he is in all respects suitable to receive a Commission in the Territorial Army and to this end may be required to undergo certain Selection Board Tests.

NOTE—With effect from 1st January 1964, in the case of Infantry, for promotion to Nb Sub, the Examining Board will be as per para 4(a) above and convening authority will be unit commander not below the rank of Lieutenant colonel.

(Amendment No 174/IV/64)

5. *Qualification*— For ex-officers, ex-VCOs/JCOs and WOs (or their equivalents) of the three services, the Indian Territorial force, State Forces, Auxiliary Forces and Reserve and for Ex/serving JCOs of the Territorial Army the above qualifications may be relaxed provided they have a creditable record of service and provided their technical ability (if applying for a technical appointment) is considered adequate by the Selection Board.
6. *Physical and Medical Fitness*—A candidate must be physically and medically fit in all respects, vide Appendix XII.
7. *Method and Submission and Disposal of the Application Form*—
 - (a) The application or I.A.F.(T.A.) – 9 will be completed for all categories of persons applying for an officer's commission in the Territorial Army.
 - (i) For candidates who are applying for non-technical commissions the form should be submitted in the first instance to Sub-Area Headquarters. After the verification and interview by the Sub-Area or equivalent Commander, and medical examination by the Service medical authorities the application forms of suitable candidates will be forwarded to Army Headquarters together with the medical certificate.
 - (ii) For candidates, who are applying for technical appointments the form will be submitted in the first instance to Area or Command Headquarters (whichever is nearest) where candidates for technical arms will attend for interview and medical examination. The completed form will then be forwarded to Army Headquarters.

(b) The certified true copies of the following certificates must accompany the application form and must be attested by a magistrate or a gazetted or a commissioned officer who is to endorse his full name designation and address. Originals of all certificates must be produced at all interviews;

(i) Certificate of age, i.e. Matriculation Certificate.

or

a certificate from a local Registrar supported by a judicial affidavit from the father or guardian of the candidate or other satisfactory proof, instead

or

a certificate from a local Registrar supported by a judicial department in the case of a civil Government servant :-

“Certified that the date of birth of Shri _____ son of Shri _____ as recorded in his service documents is _____ and further certified that this date of birth has been duly verified from his educational certificates.”

(ii) Educational certificates

(iii) Technical certificates

(iv) Certificate, where necessary, of nationality or domicile.

(v) In the case of Government servants, a certificate indicating written consent from the head of the Branch or Department concerned that the applicant will be available for military training and embodiment as and when required by the prescribed military authorities.

8. *Method of Selection*—Normally all candidates for non-technical commissions will be required to present themselves for interview by Sub Area commander and those candidates for commissions in technical appointments will be required to present themselves for interview by the head of the appropriate Corps or Service at Area or Command Headquarters.

The completed applications of all candidates will then be forwarded to Army Headquarters; approved candidates will then be required to present themselves before Selection Boards. Ex-officers and candidates for certain technical appointments may be required to present themselves for interview by an Army Headquarters Selection Board. This provision will not apply to candidates for commission in non-departmental TA units of the Corps of Engineers, Signals, and Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, who will appear before Services Selection Board.”

9. *Period of Probation*—All officers appointed to commissions in the Territorial Army will be on probation for 3 years and will be confirmed in their appointment on passing the prescribed examination for retention. During this period if found unsatisfactory, an officer on probation may be called upon to resign his commission; if he declines he will be liable to removal.

Ex-officers granted commission in the Territorial Army and exempted from passing the retention examination under para 11 of Appendix X to these Regs, will however not be required to remain on probation.

10. *Medical Examination*—Each applicant will be examined by a Medical Board at the station where he is required to present himself for examination and will not be granted a commission in the Territorial Army unless he is pronounced physically fit for service by the medical board.

11. Candidates pronounced unfit by the Medical Board under para 10 above, may, if they are not satisfied with the finding of such medical boards, appeal to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Defence, within a week of the date on which the result of their medical examination is made known to them. The secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Defence, will after considering such appeals, arrange, if necessary, for their re-examination by another Medical Board called "The Appeal Medical Board". (In cases where a specialist opinion is required, a specialist may be included in the appeal board). Appeals for re-examination in each case, will be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 40 without which no appeal will be considered.

If the appeal proves successful, or if for any reason an "Appeal Medical Board" is not convened, the special fee of Rs. 40 will be returned to the appellant.

The appellant will not be entitled to any TA/DA.

1. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY :

- (a) **Nationality** : Only male citizens of India.
- (b) **Age Limits** : 18 to 42 years on the date of application.
- (c) **Educational Qualifications** : Graduate from any recognized university.
- (d) **Physical Standards** : A candidate must be physically and medically fit in all respects.
- (e) **Employment** : Gainfully Employed.

Note Serving member of the Regular Army/ Navy/ Air Force/ Police/ GREF/ Para Military and like forces are not eligible.

2. CENTRES OF EXAMINATION :

CHANDIGARH	LUCKNOW	PATNA
KOLKATA	SHILLONG	JAIPUR
PUNE	BANGALURU	HYDERABAD
UDHAMPUR	SRINAGAR	

3. STANDARD AND SYLLABUS OF THE EXAMINATION :

Paper	Subject	Time Allotted	Numbers of Questions	Marks
I	Part - 1 Reasoning	2 hrs	50	50
	Part - 2 Elementary Mathematics		50	50
II	Part - 1 General Knowledge	2 hrs	50	50
	Part - 2 English		50	50

STANDARD :

The standard of the papers in Elementary Mathematics will be a Matriculation level. The standard of papers in other subjects will approximately be such as may be expected of a graduate of an Indian university.

SYLLABUS :

Paper – I Reasoning and Elementary Mathematics.

(a) **Part – 1. Reasoning.** The question paper will be designed to test the candidates ability to complete sequences making logical conclusion based on simple pattern of numbers, statements, figures, letters etc as may be expected of a rational thinking person without any special study of the subject.

(b) Part – 2. Elementary Mathematics

(i) **Arithmetic.** Number System – Natural numbers, integers, rational and real numbers. Fundamental operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, square roots, decimal fraction.

(ii) **Unitary Method.** Time and distance, time and work, percentages, application to simple and compound interest, profit and loss, ratio and proportion, variation.

(iii) **Elementary Number Theory.** Division algorithm, prime and composite numbers. Tests of divisibility by 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 & 11. Multiples and factors, factorization theorem, HCF and LCM. Euclidean algorithm, logarithms to base 10, laws of logarithms, use of logarithmic tables.

(iv) **Algebra.** Basic operations, simple factors, remainder theorem, HCF, LCM, theory of polynomials, solutions of quadratic equations, relation between its roots and coefficients (only real roots to be considered). Simultaneous linear equations in two unknowns-analytical and graphical solutions. Simultaneous linear equations in two variables and their solutions. Practical problems leading to two simultaneous linear equations or in equations in two variables or quadratic equations in one variable and their solutions. Set language and set notation, rational expressions and conditional identities, laws of indices.

(v) **Trigonometry.** Sine x, cosine x, tangent x when $0^\circ < x < 90^\circ$. Values of sine x, cos x and tan x, for $x = 0^\circ, 30^\circ, 45^\circ, 60^\circ \& 90^\circ$. Simple trigonometric identities. Use of trigonometric tables. Simple cases of heights and distances.

(vi) **Geometry.** Lines and angles, plane and plane figures theorems on

- Properties of angles at a point.
- Parallel lines.
- Sides and angles of a triangle.
- Congruency of triangles.
- Similar triangles.
- Concurrence of medians and altitudes.
- Properties of angles, sides and diagonals of a parallelogram, rectangle and square.
- Circle and its properties, including tangents and normal.
- Loci.

(vii) **Mensuration.** Areas of squares, rectangles, parallelograms, triangle and circle. Areas of figures which can bisect into the figures (field book). Surface area and volume of cuboids, lateral surface and volume of right circular area of cylinders. Surface area and volume of spheres.

(viii) **Statistics.** Collection and tabulation of statistical data, graphical representation-frequency polygons, bar charts, pie charts, etc. Measures of central tendency.

Paper – II. General Knowledge and English.

(a) **Part – 1. General Knowledge.** General knowledge including knowledge of current events and such matters of everyday observation and experience in scientific aspects as may be expected of an educated person who has not made a special study of any scientific subject. The paper will also include questions on history of India and geography of nature which candidates should be able to answer without special study.

(b) **Part – 2. English.** The question paper will be designed to test the candidates' understanding of English and workman - like use of words. Questions in English are from synonyms, antonyms, reading comprehension, Para jumbles, error spotting, jumbled sentences, sentence correction and fill in the blanks.

4. CANDIDATES TO ENSURE THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EXAMINATION:

The candidates applying for the examination should ensure that they fulfill all eligibility conditions for admission to the Examination. Their admission at all the stages of the examination will be purely **provisional** subject to satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. **Mere issue of Admission certificate to the candidate will not imply that his candidature has been finally cleared by the competent authority.**

5. TIME Maximum time for each paper is 02 hrs and will be conducted in two sessions.

6. TYPE OF EXAM : Objective (OMR Answer Sheet will be used).

7. QUALIFYING MARKS : Minimum 40% marks in each part of the paper separately and overall average of 50%.

8. PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS : Candidates should note that there will be penalty (Negative Marking) for wrong answers marked by a candidate in the Objective Type Question Papers.

9. FEE DETAILS : Candidates' are required to pay a fee of Rs 200/- (Rupees two hundred only). Candidates should note that payment of examination fee can be made only through the modes prescribed at website. Payment of fee through any other mode is neither valid nor acceptable. Applications submitted without the prescribed fee/mode shall be summarily rejected. Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection.

10. HOW TO APPLY. Candidates are required to apply online by using the website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in.

11. INSTRUCTION TO THE CANDIDATE FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATION:

- The applicants must ensure that while filling their Application Form, they are providing their valid and active E-mail IDs as the concerned authorities may use electronic mode of communication while contacting them at different stages of examination process.
- Candidates are strongly advised to apply online well in time without waiting for the last date for submission of online applications.

- While filling in the Application Form, the candidate should carefully decide about his choice for the centre for the examination.
- Candidates should note that no request for change of centre will be granted.
- Candidates in their own interest are advised to keep a copy of print out of filled form submitted online.

12. ADMIT CARD FOR WRITTEN EXAM : The admit card will be made available online for being downloaded after submission of application by the candidates.

13. FACILITATION COUNTER FOR GUIDANCE OF CANDIDATES. In case of any guidance / Information / clarification regarding their applications, candidature etc, candidates can contact to the Territorial Army Directorate, General Staff Branch, Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army), 'L' Block, Church Road, New Delhi – 110 001 & Telephone No 011-23094365 or E-mail I. D – target.aim@gov.in

14. For any other query candidates can also contact respective Territorial Army Group Headquarters as per their choice of examination centres. The address and contact number of the Territorial Army Group Headquarters are as under:-

WRITTEN EXAMINATION CENTRE	CONCERNED TERRITORIAL ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS
Chandigarh	PIB Cell, TA Group Headquarters, Western Command, Building No. 750, Sector - 8B, Chandigarh-160 009. Ph No. 0172-2547864
Lucknow Patna	PIB Cell, TA Group Headquarters Central Command, Lucknow (UP) – 226002. Ph No. 0522-2482278, 8953401641
Kolkata Shillong	PIB Cell, TA Group Headquarters, Eastern Command, Fort William, Kolkata (WB) - 700021. Ph No. 033-22313227
Jaipur Pune Bangaluru Hyderabad	PIB Cell, TA Group Headquarters Southern Command, Pune-411001. Ph No. 7768002503, 0202688123
Udhampur Srinagar	PIB Cell, TA Group Headquarters Northern Command, Udhampur (J&K) – 182101 Ph No. 01992 243592

15. SELECTION PROCEDURE :

(a) Candidates whose application forms are found correct will be called for screening (written exam followed by interview only if passed in written exam) by a Preliminary Interview Board (PIB) by the respective Territorial Army Group Headquarters.

(b) Successful candidates will further undergo tests at a Service Selection Board (SSB) and Medical Board for final selection.

16. EMBODIMENT FOR TRAINING:

(a) One month basic training in the first year of commission.

(b) Two months annual training camp every year including the first year.

(c) Three months Post Commissioning training within first two years at IMA, Dehradun.

17. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE :

(a) Commission is granted in the rank of Lieutenant.

(b) Pay and Allowances and privileges will be same as Regular Army Officers when embodied for training and military service.

(c) Promotions upto Lt Col by time scale subject to fulfilling laid down criteria. Promotion to Colonel and Brigadier by selection.

(d) Officers commissioned in Infantry TA may be called out for military service for longer duration depending on the requirement.

(e) Pay Scales (VIIth CPC):

RANK	LEVEL	PAY MATRIX	Military Service Pay
LIEUTENANT	Level 10	56,100 - 1,77,500	15500/-
CAPTAIN	Level 10A	6,13,000 - 1,93,900	15500/-
MAJOR	Level 11	6,94,000 - 2,07,200	15500/-
LT COLONEL	Level 12A	1,21,200 - 2,12,400	15500/-
COLONEL	Level 13	1,30,600 - 2,15,900	15500/-
BRIGADIER	Level 13A	1,39,600 - 2,17,600	15500/-

18. Candidate who qualify in written test of Preliminary Interview Board are required to bring the following documents in original alongwith self attested copies at the time of Preliminary Interview Board:

(a) Application Form IAF (TA)-9 (Revised) Part-2 to be downloaded from www.indianarmy.nic.in and fill it up in their own hand writing.

(b) All educational qualification certificates (Matric onwards).

(c) Latest physical fitness certificate from a registered MBBS Doctor.

(d) Copy of Identity proof with photographs (Voter ID/PAN Card/Passport/Driving license etc).

(e) Domicile/ Residential proof.

(f) Certificate for proof of age (Matric/ Senior Secondary mark sheet and certificate for verification of date of birth).

(g) Service certificate by candidates employed in Central Govt/ Union Territory/ State/Semi Govt/ Private Sector Authenticated by Head Office alongwith No Objection Certificate by the department as per format given below.

(h) Self employed candidates are required to submit an Affidavit on Non-Judicial stamp paper of minimum value duly attested stating nature of employment and annual income alongwith photocopy of PAN card and self certified character certificate.

(j) Candidates whose names vary in documents should submit copy of Gazette notification of India/ State showing the correct name and an affidavit duly supported by newspaper cuttings.

(k) Latest income proof from the appropriate authority (i.e. Income Tax Revenue Department / Magistrate / Employer).

(l) Copy of PAN Card.

(m) Copy of Aadhar Card.

(n) Employees of Railways are required to submit No Objection Certificate authenticated by Railway Board.

19. THE FOLLOWING APPLICABLE CERTIFICATE BE COMPULSORILY PRODUCED AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW:

(a) CERTIFICATE TO BE RENDERED BY CANDIDATES EMPLOYED IN CENTRAL GOVT/UNION TERRITORY/ STATE GOVT/ SEMI GOVT DULY AUTHENTICATED BY HEAD OF OFFICE

I certify that Shri _____ S/o _____ employed under me as _____ for the last _____ yrs and that his character as far as known to me is good. He is/is not recommended for the grant of commission in TA. It is also certified that Shri _____ will be made available for Trg/embodiment for service of the Territorial Army as and when required. It is further certified that Shri _____ does not hold and/or is not likely to hold in the foreseeable future a key-post in _____ (Department/ Organisation which could affect the minimum essential functions of this Department/ Organisation. However, in the event of this becoming a key man subsequently the Additional Director General Territorial Army, New Delhi shall be requested immediately to release or discharge him from the Territorial Army.

Place _____ Signature _____
Date _____ Designation _____
Stamp/Seal of Office _____

(b) CERTIFICATE TO BE RENDERED BY SELF EMPLOYED PERSONNEL (SELF CERTIFIED BY THE CANDIDATE)

(i) I _____ (Name) S/o _____ certify that I possess good moral character to the best of my belief and knowledge.

Place _____ Signature _____
Date _____ Name _____

(ii) Affidavit on Non-Judicial stamp paper of minimum value duly endorsed by notary.

I _____ (Name) s/o _____ resident of _____ do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:-

(a) That I am a resident of above address.

(b) That I am self employed as _____.

(c) That my annual income from all sources is approximately Rs _____.

The above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Deponent

Verification : Verified at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 201____ that the contents of above affidavit are true to my knowledge & belief and nothing has been concealed therein.

Deponent

(c) CERTIFICATE TO BE RENDERED BY CANDIDATES EMPLOYED IN PRIVATE SECTOR (TO BE AUTHENTICATED BY HEAD OF OFFICE)

Confirmed that any difference between the civil and military pay and allowances of the applicant Name _____

S/o _____ an employee of this organization will be paid by us for the period of his military duties in the Territorial Army. On return from military duty in the Territorial Army Shri _____ will be absorbed in the same or equivalent post which he would have held if his service in the civil had not been so interrupted and the such military service would count for all benefits in his civil job, like seniority for promotion, increment of pay, bonus and provident fund etc. To which he would have otherwise been entitled.

Place _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Designation _____

Stamp/ Seal of Office _____

20. Instruction to Candidate for Answer Sheet :

Method of marking Answers:

- In the "OBJECTIVE TYPE" examination, you do not write the answers. For each question (hereinafter referred to as "Item") several suggested answers (hereinafter referred to as "Responses") are given. You have to choose one response to each item.
- The question paper will be in the Form of TEST BOOKLET. The booklet will contain item bearing numbers 1,2,3.....etc. Under each item, Responses marked (a), (b), (c), (d) will be given. Your task will be to choose the correct response. If you think there is more than one correct response, then choose what you consider the best response.
- In any case, for each item you are to select only one response. If you select more than one response, your response will be considered wrong.

- In the Answer Sheet, Serial Nos from 1 to 100 are printed. Against each number, there are circles marked (a), (b), (c) and (d). After you have read each item in the Test Booklet and decided which one of the given responses is correct or the best, you have to mark your response by completely blackening with BLACK BALL PEN to indicate your response.

- For example, if the correct answer to item 1 is (b), then the circle containing the letter (b) is to be completely blacked with black ball pen as shown below :

Example : (a) (b) (c) (d)



- Candidates must write the papers in their own hand. In no circumstances will they be allowed the help of a scribe.

- Please read and abide by the instructions on the cover of Test Booklet. If any candidate indulges in disorderly or improper conduct, he will render himself liable for disciplinary action and/ or imposition of a penalty as the competent authority may deem fit.

- Candidates should exercise due care in handling and filling up the answer sheets. They should use BLACK BALL PEN only to darken the circles, For writing in boxes also, they should use BLACK BALL PEN. Since the entries made by the candidates by darkening the circles will be taken into account while evaluating the answer sheets, they should make these entries very carefully and accurately.

- Pens with any other colours are prohibited. Do not use Pencil or Ink pen. Candidates should note that any omission/ mistake/ discrepancy in encoding/ filling of details in the OMR answer sheet, especially with regard to Roll Number will render the answer sheet liable for rejection.